

Moving Out

Just 10 days into her one-year lease, a disgusted Hartford resident heads for the door

BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

“Why do I have to keep moving to avoid injustices? Why don't folks consider that housing clearly affects mental health to the point of detriment. And seeking relief is so undignified!”

Those words are from “KM” (a pseudonym she uses out of fear of retribution), a longtime Hartford resident, a woman with a full-time job with a State of CT agency who for three years paid full rent for an unsubsidized apartment. On June 1st she moved to a building on 105 Sherbrooke Avenue managed by Stratus Equities, paying more than \$2,000 up front before signing a 12-month lease.

On June 11th she moved out and is currently living in her car. What happened during that short tenancy that caused her to flee? In a June 14th email to the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (Cc: City Housing Inspector, D. Robertson Childs, CT Fair Housing, US Dept. of HUD, Statewide Legal Services, Cindy Fernandez, Alex Pachkovsky, Brandon McGee, AJ Johnson) which is based in Boston but covers the Hartford region, KM outlined the issues that precipitated her move; excerpts follow.

To Whom It May Concern:

It wasn't until about after 9 p.m. on Friday June 11, 2021, when I was finally able to move out of 105 Sherbrooke Avenue, Concord Hills Apartments in Hartford, CT. The move out was supposed to begin at noon that same day, but the elevator was out that morning, and my items were stuck in there for about 4 hours. I paid for professional movers who canceled my job request due to the elevator malfunction. During the day, when the initial power outage occurred, tenants shared the horrors of Concord Hills and 105 Sherbrooke. HFD themselves stated that they are “...always here for fire alarms and elevator problems.”

On Day One there were sewer problems, due to a backed-up toilet that was left from the previous resident. First of all, how does a 4th floor bathroom have sewer problems? Doesn't sewer travel down? The lack of attention by maintenance of said property got me in a panic and I quickly asked to be removed from the lease. I was obligated to sign and notarize a document forfeiting my deposit and requesting to be

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A Juneteenth to Remember

Just two days before the City of Hartford's Juneteenth celebration, the day was finally named an official federal holiday by President Joe Biden. Juneteenth celebrates when the last slaves in the United States were freed in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865. Hartford's celebration was held on Saturday at the Black Lives Matter mural on Trinity Street, next to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch. Among the performers at the event (above) were Jasmine McPherson, Miles Wilson-Toliver, Anne Marie “Jedda” Williams, Symien Jemison, Malcolm Wilson-Toliver and Nia Austin of ActUp Theater. At right is John Tangsaue Manselle-Young breakdancing while Khaiim RapOet raps. (Hart photos)



Hartford...Once Upon a Time



This picture of Park Street brings back memories of a presidential campaign 40 years ago. The posters in the window are for Hubert Humphrey, Democratic candidate for president in 1968. The campaign had begun with a surprise victory by anti-war candidate Eugene McCarthy in the New Hampshire Primary. Senator Robert Kennedy then threw his hat into the ring, overshadowing McCarthy. But Kennedy was assassinated after winning the California Primary and Humphrey managed to pull out the Democratic nomination at the party's convention in Chicago, which was plagued by demonstrations. In a close race, Humphrey lost to Richard Nixon. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center, Hartford Public Library).

NEWS BRIEFS

Hartford to Offer \$1,000 And Six Flags Season Passes As Vaccine Incentives

The City of Hartford has announced that Hartford residents will be eligible to win a \$1,000 debit card or one of five separate packs of four season passes to Six Flags if they get vaccinated at an upcoming Health Department clinic. The first clinic will be this Sunday, June 27th between 2 PM – 6 PM at the soccer field at Cronin Park, 490 Granby Street and the second clinic will be on Thursday, July 1st between 2 PM – 6 PM at the Health Department offices at 131 Coventry Street. The City may add additional clinics that will be eligible for these incentives, depending on demand. Winners of these incentives will be drawn in early July after this round of clinics. Hartford residents who want a free ride to and from either clinic can schedule them by calling 3-1-1. In order to be eligible for the incentives, residents will have to show identification with a Hartford address or a piece of mail with a Hartford address at one of the clinics.

Frog Hollow Clean-up Competition Saturday

The Southside Institutions Alliance (SINA) will hold a clean up of the Frog Hollow neighborhood this Saturday, June 26, from 10 am -1 pm. Volunteers are asked to gather at the Salvation Army building, 225 Washington Street (corner of Jefferson Street, Hartford). Come have fun while teams of 6-8 compete to see how much trash they can pick up in 90 minutes. Teams will also get points for social media posts and 311 requests. At the end there will be pizza for volunteers and a winner will be announced. The winning team will get medals, prizes, and bragging rights. The clean-up is part of SINA's Frog Hollow SAFE initiative.

Keney Park Fishing Derby Saturday

The Ha Rambee Association will host a Fishing Derby for seniors and youth at the Keney Park Pond on Saturday, June 26. Please use the park entrance at the corner of Edgewood and Capen Streets. Registration is from 8 - 9 am; the derby itself starts at 9 am; prizes will be awarded at 1 pm. A limited supply of fishing rods will be

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First in a Monthly Series

Hartford Charter Revision Report

The City of Hartford’s charter goes before a commission once every ten years for a year-long review, followed by recommendations for change. Each month James Woulfe, Chair of the 14-member Commission, will provide the Hartford News with an update to keep the public informed on the progress of the process.

Hartford’s Charter Revision Commission has been hard at work over the past few months, collecting input and insights from a number of stakeholders regarding changes that should be made to the City’s charter.

On June 3rd, the Commission engaged in a “red-lining” exercise led by the commission’s legal counsel Steve Mednick, along with the City’s Corporation Counsel, Howard Rifkin, and Deputy Corporation Counsel, Alexandra Lombardi. The three attorneys walked through the charter section by section noting irregularities, inconsistencies, and areas of concern that may need to be addressed. For example, the charter lacks a clear definition of what a “day” is--does it include holidays and weekends, or does it instead refer to business days? It’s unclear, which has brought about confusion in certain circumstances.

On June 17th, the Commissioners provided their own insights regarding changes that should be made to the Charter. There was a wide range of potential changes discussed, such as a transition to district representation for the city council, creation of a police commission to oversee the police department, and public financing for city-wide elections.

At our Commission’s July 1st meeting, we will hear from the Mayor, City Treasurer, Members of Council, and the Registrars of Voters about changes they would

like to see made to the charter. Commissioners will also have an opportunity to provide additional recommendations for charter revisions at that meeting as well.

After that, the commission’s work will shift in focus from taking in suggestions for changes to researching the impact of charter revisions and making formal recommendations for amendments to the charter. That process will last until early May of 2022, at which point the Commission will send a final report of recommended revisions to the City Council for approval.

It may seem like it’s a long way away, but the May 2022 deadline will come up quickly. A number of the recommendations that will be discussed will likely require multiple meetings and significant deliberation before the commission can take final action on them.

Throughout the process, we will continue to work to keep the citizens of Hartford engaged and educated on the Commission’s activities. We will have monthly public comment opportunities, and plan to hold in-person meetings at locations throughout the city, rather than solely meeting at City Hall. Additionally, we are finalizing a “frequently asked questions” document that will be distributed to NRZs and community organizations throughout the city.

If you have questions or suggestions regarding the Charter Revision Commission’s activities, please reach out to David Grant at David.Grant@Hartford.gov, or reach out to the Commission directly in our Facebook group.

Best,
James Woulfe
Chair, Hartford Charter Commission



Black Veterans Remembered at Old North

On Saturday, June 19, the Ha Rambee Association held its 11th annual salute to the soldiers from the 29th Colored Infantry Regiment who served in the Civil War and are buried at Old North Cemetery, 1821 Main Street, Hartford. The event was co-sponsored by McKinney-King American Legion Post 142 on Main Street and the Friends of Old North Cemetery. Among the speakers at the event was Dwight “DJ” Frederick, former commander of Post 142. At right is William Gibbs, current commander of Post 142. (Hart photo)



Politically Speaking

A Fresh Look at Issues Facing our Region & State

BY MIKE MCGARRY

Knee Surgery: A Shortened Journey

Not too many years ago, knee surgery was deemed a personal disaster. With lots of pain, re-hab, and ongoing concerns, many put up with a “trick knee” or that old friend of the elderly, “Art Thritis.”

Well, as many have experienced recently, things have changed. With the advent of all kinds of new technology and more advanced rehabilitation techniques, everything has changed. It’s still no picnic, of course, but the dread one used to feel has faded. As people are living longer, more knee (and hip replacements) are required and to meet the demand the healthcare industry has made the process much easier.

Your servant has just had knee surgery and was impressed with the no nonsense efficiency of the whole process. From the first appointment to ongoing rehabilitation, everybody seems to know exactly what they are doing – expecting the patient to jump right in with a variety of post-surgery workouts. Well, if you have the gumption to follow all the explained and listed exercises, you’ll be kept busy all day for a couple of weeks. Bending the knee is tough but, as everyone advises, very important.

The adventure did come with a few benefits for readers of this column. Needing expensive equipment to fill out doctor’s orders, we found some resources for anybody needing

walkers, wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc. So cut out this column and hang it on your refrigerator.

- Hartford’s own NEAT, 50 Coventry Street, 860-243-2869. Great selection of medical equipment and friendly staff.
 - Farmington Equipment at the Senior Center) 321 New Britain Avenue, Unionville, 860-673-1441.
 - Simsbury Equipment Exchange, Apple Barn at Simsbury Farms, 60 Old Farms Road, Simsbury, (860) 658-3224
 - But the most impressive of all is the Orphan Grain Train, a Lutheran-based charity at 33 South Main Street, Terryville, 860-940-9814. It’s a national outfit with a massive warehouse, right off of Route 6, about a 40-minute drive from Hartford. You need it? They get it! All free of charge.
- All the facilities listed above accept donations. So, if you’re able, please give what you can. But, with a call or two, anybody can avail themselves of what they need without going broke.
- By the way, we’re doing fine following the surgery and will be haunting the watering holes soon.

Three Public Meetings to be held on New Food Truck Ordinance

The City of Hartford will hold three public meetings on the Mobile Vendor [Food Truck] Ordinance, which City Council approved earlier this month. The ordinance would require all food trucks within city limits to close at 9 pm, except in certain areas such as around Bushnell Park and Burr Mall. The new ordinance is set to go into effect next Thursday, July 1.

Thos who have questions about the new regulations are encouraged to attend the public meetings.

- Public Hearings**
- Thursday, June 24**
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Hartford Public Library
500 Main Street, Hartford
- Monday, June 28**
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Northend Senior Center
80 Coventry Street, Hartford
- Wednesday, June 30**
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Northend Senior Center
80 Coventry Street, Hartford

Summer Camps for Kids

- BiCiCo and the Center for Latino Progress Bikes & More Summer Camp. Kids ages 10-13. Monday-Thursday, 9am - 3 pm, 95 Park Street. Three two-week sessions: July 12-23; July 26 - August 6; August 9-20. Space is limited. \$25 per session. Email camps@ctprf.org or go to: <https://cutt.ly/znZhUfT>.
- Hartford Police Athletic League (PAL) Summer Camp: For kids ages 6-17. 50 Williams Street, Hartford. July 8 - August 5. Morning (10am-12 noon) session and afternoon (12:30-2:30 pm) sessions. Register online at: traxsolutions.com/hartford/main#/dashboard or contact Vinnie or Natasha at 860-757-4305.
- Hartford Region YWCA Summer Program: 135 Broad Street, Hartford. For kids in grades K-6. Free for Hartford residents. July 5 - August 27, Monday - Friday, 7 am - 6 pm. Lots of fun and educational activities! For more information, contact Dana Sears at danas@ywc Hartford.org or call 860-525-1163, ext. 137.

Clarification

To our readers: In the May 27th edition of the Hartford News, the cover story “Setting a New Course” included remarks by Naiyah McGlamery, whose preferred pronouns are “they” and “them”.

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ActUp Theater Prepares for Post-COVID Future

BY OLATUNJI OSHO-WILLIAMS

ActUp Theater is a black-owned Theater company formed in 2015 with the mission of changing culture through the arts by showcasing local talent of Hartford, Connecticut. Lauded as a “mini Broadway” ActUp Theater collaborates with local schools, businesses to bring Broadway-style productions with a focus on social justice to the Hartford community. ActUp Theater is a community mobilizing force of nature, with its focus on social justice and vision of “changing the culture through the arts.” Their modern culturally relevant adaptations of theater hits such as “Ebony Annie: The Hip Hop Musical,” a modern adaptation of Annie, and Raisin, an original contemporary adaptation of “A Raisin in the Sun”, bring in over 4,000 attendees per season.

ActUp Theater is owned by Faithlyn Johnson, and her two daughters Tyler R. Johnson and Priestly M Johnson. With thirty

engages you in a different way and reaches into your soul. It makes you want to be able to be active and engaged. I have always been a strong believer that the arts has a responsibility, and it’s effective

Act Up Theater is an organization rooted in community, and heavily involved in social justice. Could you speak more about this, specifically about STAND and ACTIVATE with Act Up Theater?

FJ: When I decided to start a company I knew I wanted to have a social justice voice. Many of the walks and marches were going on regarding the injustices and police brutality across the country, motivated me to start a company, to say that we need to have a voice within this conversation. “STAND” was our first production, and is a totally social justice piece that creates conversation around major topics like family, police brutality, and empowerment. It is very rooted in culture, how a community looks,



Irish Music Returns to Hartford

On Monday, June 14, Irish music teacher Jeanne Freeman (rear, center) hosted a traditional Irish music jam session (known in Gaelic as a seisiún) in The Local bar at Parkville Market, 1400 Park Street Hartford. Close to 50 musicians joined in on fiddles, guitars, flutes, accordions and a variety of other instruments. Irish Seisiúns will be held the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Parkville Market from 6:30-8:30 pm; outdoors if the weather cooperates, indoors if it doesn't. Next Monday, June 28, Joannie Madden of the famed group “Cherish the Ladies” will make a special guest appearance. Admission is free and while the music is Irish you can have foods from around the world from one of the market’s many vendors. (Hart photo)



ActUp Theater presented “Stand,” Broadway style show that examined a wide variety of issues facing today’s youth, including peer pressure, bullying, parental expectations, social media, cultural identity and mental health, in February 2020, just a month before the COVID-19 shut-down. (Hartford News file photo)

years of theater experience, Faithlyn is the executive director of ActUp Theater, and a CT Presidential Award-winning Master Artist of Theater with an undergraduate in theater management and master’s in education. I talked to Faithlyn on Monday to learn more about ActUp Theater.

What is Act Up Theater’s Mission?

FJ: To promote social justice activism in our community. ActUp theater is a space where we hold out local space for local talent to be able to learn their skills, become activists, and have a voice within their own community, while utilizing the arts and culture as the main means of doing that. ActUp Theater’s strength is family, and I am not just the only owner. I run the company with my daughter Tyler Johnson, and my other daughter Priestly Johnson, who both came on board to create this company.

What is it about the arts that makes it such a good medium of conveying these issues of social justice?

FJ: The arts are the mirror that holds to our culture and what is going on. The arts have a responsibility to tell stories that are real and authentic and are happening right now. There is something organic about the arts that shows you and

how it feels ,and how culture influences the young people within their community.

What about ACTIVATE?

During March we received the announcement that we might be shutting down while we were rehearsing for “Cinderella.” Since we were used to being online for our rehearsals so the students could rehearse at home, we just pivoted to full online rehearsals. After we finished “Cinderella” online, we came together and asked ourselves “what is our voice in the community,” Then George Floyd happened a couple months later, and there was a cultural reckoning. With all our productions, we have always been faced with social justice. So we created ACTIVATE, virtual diversity inclusion workshops that can be facilitated all over the country. It’s a dynamic product centered around the arts about topics such as Black Lives Matter, resilience, empowerment, and how we see ourselves within these spaces and create these open conversations for everyone to be a part of. We started this in June and launched it in January, by bringing in our actors and local talent, for everyone to perform these pieces and be captured in video. This was the first time we used

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Hartford Park System For its intended use...

COMMENTARY BY DONNA SWARR

During the pandemic, city officials became increasingly aware of how valued our parks are by city residents. Park and recreation staffs across the country found their jobs profoundly changed, and under scrutiny by both city officials and residents. Park maintenance workers noticed that there were changes in the ways residents used the parks. There were more walkers, more runners, more frequent dog walking, and small family groups in the parks. Passive use of our parks became the norm. Homelessness was, and still is, on the upswing. Parks are a frequent choice by those who don’t have anywhere to go. One of the phrases that the City Park Alliance uses when referring to amenities in parks is “for its intended use”. In Hartford, we saw playscapes being covered in large swaths of plastic to create large enclosures in several city parks. Porta-potties are being used as personal places of shelter. We are seeing an increase in – and new locations for – encampments in parks this summer. Clearly, at a minimum there is a need for shelter, but our city parks were never intended to be used to provide overnight shelter. There are no public bathrooms with running water. This isn’t new, but the increase is rather startling.

Additionally, we have residents and non-residents using our parks as places to ride motorized vehicles: ATVs, motorcycles, and scooters. Again, the parks were not intended to be used for these purposes. They are supposed to be safe places where children can play, people can play ball games, and walk their dogs. Unfortunately, there are some who think there’s no problem with riding these vehicles across our playing fields, ripping them up, and creating large areas where the grass is destroyed. This is not the intended use of those fields. Because they want to ride such vehicles, they feel that they have a right to destroy a park. Our city invests in our parks

so that recreational users can enjoy them in a variety of ways. It has been recommended that the city provide a place to ride for these non-road compliant vehicles. But his does not meet their needs; they want an audience, hence driving around inside parks. These are not roads for vehicular traffic, they are service roads to help maintain the park and provide access to other vehicles such as food trucks, or to drop off of equipment for a team. They also like to ride around on tracks, destroying them and making those who use them for walking

nervous about their personal safety. Parking vehicles on athletic fields is not an intended use of the grassy areas in the park. Cars and trucks leak fluids that also damage fields. It puts park visitors in danger when cars drive over the playing fields to park. That’s why we have parking lots. Our green spaces are precious. They need protection from use that was not intended. In order to allow our residents to use our parks, we need to insist that they be used as they were intended. If we ignore this, our parks will no longer meet Hartford’s recreational needs.

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Make Music Day Hartford

The West End Whizzbangers (Dan Rice, Maxx Meether and Nathan Edwards) play in front of the State Capitol on Monday, June 21, Make Music Day. Founded in France in 1982, Make Music Day is open to anyone who wants to join in. This year, it was held in over 1,000 cities in 120 countries. In Hartford several classes and concerts were held under the guidance of the Greater Hartford Arts Council. At Hartford Public Library, Downtown Branch, Sarade Nori, Founder and Artistic Director at LayaVinyasa School of Indian Dance and Music, gave a lesson in Indian music with her students Kedaar Akella, Sahaana Akella, Triguna Areti, Esha Malli and Daksha Malli. (Hart photos)



CRT Free Summer Meals Through August

To help combat childhood hunger during the summer months when school is out of session, the Community Renewal Team (CRT) is participating in the federally funded Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) once again this summer.

weekday, unless otherwise noted. Times vary by site. Please confer with individual pick-up locations about any closures this summer, such as due to holidays. For families participating in the Summer Food

LOCATIONS	TIMES.....	DATES.....
CRT Generations, 35 Clark St.	Lunch: 12 -1 PM.....	7/6/21 - 8/13/21
CRUET 1443 Albany Avenue	Breakfast: 8-8:30 AM; Lunch: 12 – 12:30 PM	7/6/21 - 8/5/21
Hartford City Mission, 2194 Main St	Breakfast: 9-10 AM; Lunch: 12-1 PM	7/12/21 - 8/20/21
YMCA, 444 Albany Ave.....	Breakfast: 8 – 9 AM; Lunch: 11:30 -1:00 PM.....	6/21/21 – 8/27/21
YWCA*, 135 Broad St	Breakfast: 8:30 – 9:30 AM; Lunch: 12-1 PM.....	7/12/21 – 8/27/21

* YWCA program requires registration to attend.

CRT will deliver hundreds of meals for children each weekday to the 15 locations in Greater Hartford, including five in Hartford. In total, CRT will deliver more than 35,000 meals for kids this summer.

Under the SFSP, nutritious meals (including breakfast and/or lunch, and even supper), will be provided free of charge to children 18 years of age and under at 15 locations in Hartford, East Hartford, Enfield, Glastonbury, and Wolcott.

Note: All locations below provide services every

Program: Please consider wearing a mask or face covering when picking up meals. Check with individual locations for any social-distancing protocols that may be required.

Individuals and families interested in receiving more information about the Summer Food Service Program should contact CRT, 555 Windsor Street, Hartford, CT 06120 or call 860-560-5600. Information is also available on CRT’s website: <https://www.crtct.org/programs/children/summer-food/>

New Trees for Goodwin Park

Craig Mergins, Luis Baez and Guarionex Vargas of KNOX, Inc. plant a new tree at Goodwin Park in Hartford’s South End on Friday, June 18. The organization pledged to plant 100 new trees in the park and Friday’s plantings brings them to 95. KNOX works to improve the quality of life for Hartford residents through plantings, community gardens and other horticultural projects. To learn more about KNOX and how to volunteer or donate, go to: <https://www.knoxhartford.org/>. (Hart photo)



Hartford Athletic Launching Women’s Soccer Team in 2022

Hartford Athletic recently announced that it will be one of eight founding members of the newly formed USL W League. The League will begin play in 2022 and will provide an elite pre-professional pathway for women looking to build their careers both on and off the pitch.

“We created Hartford Athletic to do big things for our community and to accomplish economically,

socially, and culturally broad objectives. The W League is another exciting opportunity for us to make an impact here in Connecticut,” said Hartford Athletic Chairman Bruce Mandell. “We are thrilled to provide playing opportunities for top women’s college and high school players in our professional environment and dedicated to creating pathways for women looking to build their careers both on and off the pitch. We’re very proud to be working with the USL to make this a reality.”

The W League founding members include eight clubs from the USL Championship, League One, League Two and one expansion club. The league will align with the USL League Two season, kicking off in May 2022 and ending with the W League Playoffs and W League Final in late July.

“Our goal for the W League is to use women’s soccer as a source for societal good by creating a national platform to increase opportunity, gender equity, and career development,” said USL Director of Women’s Soccer, Betsy Haugh. “We’re expecting to have as many as 30 clubs for our inaugural season, which would provide upwards of 750 opportunities to play, work, and coach in the women’s game. We’re very excited about what the future holds.”

To learn more about the USL W League, visit uslwleague.com or follow the W League on Twitter at [@uslwleague](https://twitter.com/uslwleague).

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Monday Night Jazz Returns to Bushnell Park

The Hartford Jazz Society’s highly popular Paul Brown Monday Night Jazz (PBMNJ) series returns live at Bushnell Park for its 54th season in 2021, after a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is the longest running free jazz concert series in America.

The series consists of six consecutive Monday evenings of free live jazz in Downtown Hartford’s at the park, featuring locally and internationally recognized musicians, all in a comfortable, relaxed outdoor setting.



The late Paul Brown founded the Hartford Monday Night Jazz Series in 1967. (Hartford News photo)

2021 Monday Night Jazz Schedule

Opening acts (O) start at 6 pm. Headliners (H) start at approximately 7:30 pm.

JULY 12	O: Stephen King Porter Group. H: Rene McLean Band
JULY 19	O: Taylor McCoy Quartet. H: Camille Thurman Quartet
JULY 26	O: New England Jazz Ensemble. H: Steve Davis Correlation Band w/Abene Koomson
AUGUST 2	O: Andrew Wilcox. H: Warren Wolf Quartet
AUGUST 9	O: Mary DiPaola. H: Firey String Sistas
AUGUST 16	O: Agua pa Chocolate. H: Miguel Zenon Quartet

New Independence Day Celebration July 5

Though without fireworks for 2021, the celebration plans to create a new tradition for Independence Day weekend in the capital city. The Hartford Bonanza is a fresh offering hosted by First Night Hartford, the organizers of the region’s annual New Year’s Eve Celebration. The producers plan to bring back the Summer’s annual Fireworks show in 2022.

Hartford Bonanza 2021 will kick off on Friday July 2nd with a collaborative lawn party at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art. It will feature an interactive exhibit on the front lawn of the museum, food trucks, and DJs from the collective Cafeteria Radio.

The main event will be held on Monday July 5th in Bushnell Park from 11 AM to 6 PM and will feature live music, a public art project, vendors and food trucks, and a Covid-19 vaccine clinic. Families are being encouraged to come picnic in the Park for the day. Musical performances are set to include Bomba Ashe, State Troubadour Nekita Waller, and Nelson Bello and Friends.

This is actually the second year in a row that

Hartford’s Independence Day celebration will be hosted by First Night Hartford. Last year the team behind First Night planned to bring the fireworks back before the outbreak of the pandemic. The organizers then shifted their efforts and went completely virtual, presenting a short film that is still available on First Night Hartford’s Facebook page. This year, while still without Fireworks, the producers hope they will be able to lay a strong foundation for a family celebration of Hartford civic pride for years to come.

The Bonanza is supported by Summer in the City, a partnership program of City of Hartford and Greater Hartford Arts Council, presented by Raytheon Technologies. The event’s other supporters include the Richard P. Garmany Fund, Stanley Black and Decker, and the Evelyn W. Preston Memorial Fund. The producers have also launched a matched crowdfunding campaign through Sustainable CT. For those interested in supporting, a link can be found here: www.patronicity.com/project/hartford_bonanza



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News Briefs

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available to those who don't have one.

Hartford Decide\$ vote open through June 29

Hartford Decide\$ is a program in which city residents themselves propose and vote on projects for funding through the City of Hartford. A total of \$40,000 in funding is available this year. The projects for this year have been submitted and now the voting is open. Projects range from sidewalk repairs to the Wallace Stevens Bridge on Asylum Avenue to the planting of trees at several Hartford Schools to the construction of a mobile DIY recycling trailer. Go to www.hartford-decides.org and vote for your favorite projects. ANY Hartford resident 13 years of age and up can vote.

Colt Park Vaccination Clinics Sunday

COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be held on Sunday, June 27, and Sunday, August 22, from noon - 3 pm, in Colt Park. The clinics are sponsored by Griffin

Health, City of Hartford Dept. Public Health, Colt Park Foundation and Amigos Softball League. No appointment necessary.

Community Cook-out July 3

Jamaica Ex-Police Association of Connecticut (JEPAC) will host a Community Cook-Out and Family Day on Saturday, July 3, starting at 1 pm. The event will be held at the JEPAC Headquarters, 126 Homestead Avenue, Hartford. Free and open to the public. For more information, call or text (860)-839-4251 or 1413-348-0889.

Independence Day Community Meal

Hands On Hartford will host its annual Independence Day Community Meal on Sunday, July 4, from 11:30am – 1:30pm at 55 Bartholomew Avenue (off of Park Street, two blocks west of Pope Park), Hartford. Free meals can be taken to go or eaten indoors or outdoors. The menu will include BBQ chicken, pasta salad, corn salad, mix green salad, roll, and ice cream. There will also be free books for kids and a summer kit for all. For more

information call 860-728-3201

Bocce Anyone?

Would you be interested in playing bocce? The Colt Park Foundation is wondering if enough people would be interested in playing to justify building a bocce court. Bocce traces its roots back to the Roman Empire and is still popular in Italy. Balls are bowled along the ground to see who can get closest to the "jack ball." If you are interested, please either email swarrds@comcast.net or message me on the Colt Park Foundation FB page.

Players Sought for Celebrity Softball Game

Los Amigos Softball League is currently looking for players for its Third Annual Celebrity Softball Game on Sunday July 11, 2021, at Colt Park at the Roberto Clemente Field at 4:30 pm. City officials, attorneys, teachers, DPW, Police Officers, Firefighters, City Merchants, radio DJs, and media personnel are welcome to participate. You can also make this an all-day event with your family by coming to watch the other events that begin

at 2:00pm, which is followed by the Celebrity Softball Game and concluding with the All-Star Game at 6:00pm. Email Lasl2009@yahoo.com to join in the fun!

Free Books for Kids Under 5

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is offering a free book a month for children under the age of five – and they will be delivered right to your door. If you sign up when your child is born, that's a total of 60 free books by their fifth birthday, plus monthly tips to help them grow as lifelong readers and learners. To sign up, please go to: [\[inc.org/imagination-library\]\(http://inc.org/imagination-library\). There is no cost or obligation.](http://unitedway-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Riverfront Youth Rowing Clinics

Riverfront Recapture is offering two rowing clinics for youth this summer, June 28 - July 1 and July 26 - 29. If your child is new to rowing, our beginner clinics are a great way to try the sport and prepare for fall tryouts. If your child is already rowing, our intermediate clinics will improve their technique before the fall season begins.Registration is now open at <https://riverfront.org/youthclinic/>. Space is limited, so register today.

Night Fall 2021 Auditions

Auditions are now being held for Night Fall 2021, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 9, in Keney Park. Anyone 18 years and older is welcome to try out. Conceived and managed by Hartford artist Anne Cubberly, Night Fall is held every Fall and has become one of Hartford's signature events. The show features singing, dancing and, of course, Cubberly's famous giant puppets.

Audition Schedule

- Saturday, June 26, 10 am - 12 noon: Heaven Skate Park, Main & Chapel Streets, Downtown Hartford
 - Sunday, June 27, 1-3 pm: Keney Park, Woodland Section, use parking area off Ridgefield Street
- For more information on Night Fall, go to NightFallHartford.org.

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Apartments for Rent

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Room For Rent

Rooms for rent in Hartford's West End. Utilities included. \$150 weekly. Security deposit. Call 860-888-6655.

22 Evergreen Avenue, Hartford

This is a spacious 2-bedroom unit with hardwood floors. This rents for \$975-\$850 and includes heat and hot water. Close proximity to shopping centers, restaurants and on bus line. On-site laundry and street parking. Section 8 welcomed. No pets. Contract Christine at 860-985-8258.

For Rent

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Room for Rent

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El Informativo Latino

Lanzan programa anual de alimentos gratis para niños en Connecticut

Una organización de Connecticut lanza su programa anual de alimentos gratis para niños este verano. Este año esperan aliviar un poco mas el estrés de los padres

y la necesidad de alimentos tras la pandemia por el COVID-19.

La organización Community Renewal Team se prepara para entregar alimentos para niños de las comunidades del condado de Hartford durante todo este verano.

La organización planea entregar unas 35 mil bandejas desde esta semana y hasta finales de agosto para niños menores de 21 años.

Los padres no tienen que llenar ninguna solicitud para recibir estos alimentos solo llegar hasta uno de los puntos de distribución, El programa es totalmente gratis.

Los padres de la comunidad podrán recoger dos comidas diarias: un desayuno y un almuerzo durante todo el verano.

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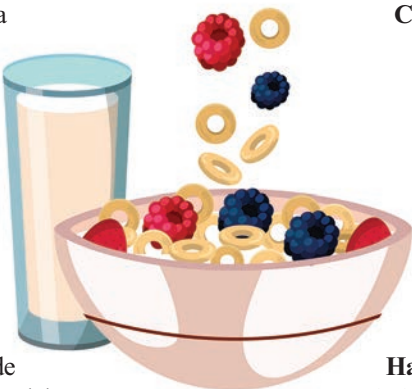
Hartford City Mission, 2194 Main St

Breakfast: 9-10 AM; Lunch: 12-1 PM
7/12/21 - 8/20/21

YMCA, 444 Albany Ave
Breakfast: 8 – 9 AM;
Lunch: 11:30 -1:00 PM
6/21/21 – 8/27/21

YWCA*, 135 Broad St
Breakfast: 8:30 – 9:30 AM;
Lunch: 12-1 PM
7/12/21 – 8/27/21

* YWCA program requires registration to attend.



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